

"NOTICE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT"

"It is a crime for any person to cause you any physical injury or harm."

As a victim of sexual assault:

- Go to a hospital ASAP and have a forensic medical examination (sexual assault kit examination) performed.
- Seek medical attention to help determine if you have any injuries, help collect evidence within 120 hours, and test for Sexual Transmitted Infections and pregnancy.
- Obtain treatment for post-exposure medication for HIV within 24 to 72 hours.
- As time passes, evidence can be destroyed, so try not to change clothing, shower or bathe.
- Counseling can help you process feelings about the assault and determine your options.

You have the right to:

- **For adult victims, obtain a forensic medical examination within 120 hours of the assault to collect potential evidence and receive preventative medications, even if you decide not to make a report to a law enforcement agency.** For child victims, there is no time restriction in obtaining a forensic medical examination after the assault.

The attorney general shall make a payment to a victim of sexual assault or on behalf of a victim of sexual assault for the reasonable costs incurred for medical care that is provided to the victim and the payment may not exceed \$25,000.

*** See the list below for the nearest SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam) ready facilities near you.

- **Anonymously track or receive updates regarding the status and location of each item of evidence (sexual assault kit) collected in your case.** You can track the status and location of your sexual assault evidence collection kit from the time of collection through destruction via Track-Kit. Track-Kit will not provide you with your results, but you may contact your assigned investigator for the results of the forensic part of your exam.

At the time of your forensic medical examination, your medical provider will give you a card with:

- The Track-Kit URL (<https://tx.track-kit.us/>)
- Your Track-Kit barcode, and
- A temporary password you will use to log in for the first time.

For an investigation or prosecution of a felony offense or conduct constituting a felony offense, the entity responsible for storing the evidence must retain and preserve the evidence for at least 40 years or until the statute of limitations for the offense has expired, whichever timeframe is longer (Texas Code of Criminal Procedures Article §38.433).

- **If you so requested, have a sexual assault program advocate present during a forensic medical examination.**

- **If you so requested, have a sexual assault program advocate or other victim's representative present during an investigative interview with law enforcement.** As an alternate option, the Houston Police Department's Victims Services Division has victim advocate available to you.
- **Ask the local prosecutor to file a criminal complaint against the person who assaulted you.**
- **If a defendant is arrested for a crime against you involving certain sexual crimes, stalking, or trafficking:**
 - **Request an order for emergency protection to be issued by a magistrate; and**
 - **Apply to a court for a permanent order to protect you.**
 - You cannot be charged a fee by a court in connection with the filing of a protective order.

Contact the Houston Police Department Victim Services Division at (713)308-0800 for resources such as legal referrals, crisis counseling, U Visa information and questions regarding Crime Victims' Compensation.

If you are a victim of Human Trafficking, please call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP or INFO to BeFree (233733)."

Additional resources for Sexual Assault Victims

Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force

[Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force | Office of the Texas Governor | Greg Abbott](#)

Your Rights as a Survivor

[RAAS-Adult Guide digital 2.pdf \(texas.gov\)](#)

Children's Assessment Center (for child victims)

[Children's Assessment Center – The Advocacy Center for Houston and Harris County \(cachouston.org\)](#)

SAFE-Ready Facilities for Child Victims

Name of Facility	Address of Facility	Phone Number of Facility
Children's Assessment Center	2500 Bolsover Street Houston, TX 77005	713-986-3300
Texas Children's Hospital	6621 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77030	832-824-5480
Texas Children's Hospital – West Campus	18200 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77094	832-227-1000

SAFE-Ready Facilities for Adult Victims

Name of Facility	Address of Facility	Phone Number of Facility
Ben Taub General Hospital	1504 Taub Loop Houston, TX 77030	713-873-2219
HCA Houston Healthcare Northwest	710 Cypress Creek Parkway Houston, TX 77090	281-440-1000
HCA Houston Healthcare West	12141 Richmond Avenue Houston, TX 77082	281-558-3444
Heights Village ER	1324 N. Shepherd #100 Houston, TX 77008	832-232-0500
Houston Methodist West Hospital	18500 Katy Freeway Houston, TX 77094	832-522-1000
Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital	5656 Kelley Street Houston, TX 77026	713-566-6874
Memorial Hermann Greater Heights Hospital	1635 N. Loop West Houston, TX 77008	713-867-2000
Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center	921 N. Gessner Drive Houston, TX 77024	713-932-3000
Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital	7600 Beechnut Houston, TX 77074	713-456-5000
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital	11800 Astoria Boulevard Houston, TX 77089	281-929-6100
Post Oak ER	5018 A San Felipe Street Houston, TX 77056	832-581-2277
St. Lukes Hospital	20171 Chasewood Park Drive Houston, TX 77070	298-534-5100
St. Lukes Health Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center - CHI	6720 Bertner Houston, TX 77030	713-785-8537
The Forensic Center (TXFNE) www.Forensiccenterofexcellence.com **TXFNE responses to multiple clinics in the greater Houston area. Please call for a location closer to you.	3203 Audley Street Houston, TX 77098	281-306-6893

Texas Orthopedic Hospital	7401 South Main Houston, TX 77030	713-794-3498
The Woman's Hospital of Texas	7600 Fannin Street Houston, TX 77054	713-790-1234